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Docket No.: 112857-086

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

The present remarks are in response to the Office Action entered in the above identified case and mailed on November 5, 2003. Claims 10, 12, 13, 16, 25 and 28030 are pending in the application. All stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Lang (U.S. 5,164,839), Takada et al. (U.S. 5,164,839) in view of Honjo (U.S. 5,432,769). Applicants respectfully traverse.

Independent claim 10 calls for, among other things, a digital data transfer circuit for transferring data between a disc recording means, a digital video interface and a signal processor adapted to convert video data between analog and digital formats, at a plurality of data rates. The signal processor is adapted to switch signals between an analog video interface, a digital video tape recording means and the digital data transfer circuit. This allows video data to be efficiently recorded, transferred, edited stored and played back at multiple data rates and in multiple formats. Further, input data may be received on a plurality of inputs in a plurality of formats, and output video data may be output on a plurality of outputs in a plurality of formats.

Neither Lang, Takada or Honjo disclose the arrangement claimed in claim 10. Lang Fig. 2, while teaching analog to digital and digital to analog conversion, do not a signal processor adapted to switch signals between the digital video tape recording means, the analog video input means, and the digital transfer circuit. What is more, Lang does not teach the digital transfer circuit capable of transferring data between the signal processor, the digital interface and the disc

recording means the Examiner is requested to point to the specific components of Lang which teach these elements of claim 10.

With regard to Takada et al. Applicants can see nothing of relevance beyond the fact that it teaches converting video signals between analog and digital, and storing the digital video signals on a tape. A separate dubbing signal may be recording instead of the recorded video signal by the action of a switch. No separate digital disc recording means is disclosed whatsoever. Honjo is similar it only teaches recording digital video data on an optical disc. Honjo teaches nothing regarding a digital tape recording means and a digital disc recording means, and the various components claimed in claim 10 for transferring data between the two at multiple data rates. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the rejection of claim 10 is improper since the combined references fail to teach or suggest every element of the claim invention.

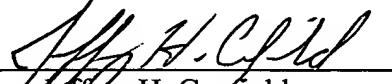
The remaining independent claims all include similar features and are allowable for the same reasons as claim 10. Applicants submit that all of the claims as they presently stand are in condition for allowance and request the Examiner to move the application to issue.

For these reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims as presently amended are all in condition for allowance. Applicant therefore requests that the Examiner allow the claims move the application to issue. However, if there are any remaining issues the Examiner is encourage to call Applicants' attorney, Jeffrey H. Canfield at (312) 807-4233 in order to facilitate a speedy disposition of the present case.

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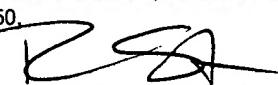
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